

House Bill 1156

By: Representatives Heard of the 114th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Murphy of the 120th,
Brooks of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to add a maximum annual
3 household income requirement for purposes of eligibility for HOPE scholarships and grants;
4 to provide for an annual determination; to provide for hardship waivers; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code
10 Section 20-3-519.1, relating to eligibility for scholarships and grants, to read as follows:

11 "(c)(1) A student whose family annual household income exceeds \$140,000.00 shall not
12 be eligible for a HOPE scholarship or HOPE grant.

13 (2) In determining the family annual household income level, the Georgia Student
14 Finance Commission shall use the student's parents' or guardian's federal adjusted gross
15 income for the immediately preceding tax year for which information is available.

16 (3) The Georgia Student Finance Commission is authorized to grant hardship waivers
17 to the application of this subsection for:

18 (A) Families with more than four dependent children;

19 (B) Families with one or more dependent children with disabilities;

20 (C) Families in which one or both parents are active duty military personnel; and

21 (D) Students who live with guardians and are not dependents of their parents.

22 (4) A student shall demonstrate that he or she meets the income eligibility requirements
23 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to maintain eligibility annually.

24 (5) The Georgia Student Finance Commission is authorized to promulgate rules and
25 regulations as it deems necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection.

26 (6) This subsection shall apply beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year."

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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.